

## **DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

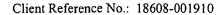
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as st	ated below next to my nar	ne; I believe I am the	original, first and sole
inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, fi	rst and joint inventor (if plu	ural inventors are name	d below) of the subject
matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought	on the invention entitled:	ANNULOTOMY CL	OSURE DEVICE the
specification of which X is attached hereto or was f	filed ona	as Application No	and was
amended on (if applicable).			

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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